

## HOBOKEN FAMILIES HOMELESS BY FIRE.

The City Called Upon to Provide  
133 Persons with Food  
and Shelter.

Driven Out in the Early Morning with  
Scarcely Time to Save Even  
Their Lives.

BRavery OF POLICE AND FIREMEN.

Many Narrow Escapes and Heroic Rescues.  
One Man Risked His Life for a  
Canary, and Saved It—A  
Block Gutted.

The biggest fire that has occurred in Hoboken for the past twenty years consumed the block of buildings Nos. 58 to 66 Adams street early this morning. Because of the fire twenty-one families were rendered homeless, and most of them are absolutely destitute.

It was a few minutes after midnight that ex-Policeman Sullivan, of the First Precinct, saw flames issuing from the tobacco store of Hoffman & Sons, No. 62 Adams street. He promptly sent in an alarm and rushed upstairs to arouse the sleeping occupants of the floors above. A kerosene lamp had exploded in the tobacco store's establishment and had set the surrounding woodwork in a blaze almost before the frightened proprietor could get out of the doorway.

Before the two hook and ladder companies, with the chemical engines, arrived the building over the cigar store was completely enveloped in flames. It is a three story frame structure, as is the one next to it up the street. These two burned like tinder. The three buildings adjoining below have gray brick fronts and took rather longer to consume. There was no fire wall between any of these structures and the flames made unimpeded progress.

There were many narrow escapes and several daring rescues by the firemen and policemen who fought the blaze. It was surprising, in view of the rapid progress of the destruction, that there was no loss of life.

Henry Woods, an old man of seventy, and his wife lived on the top floor back of No. 62. They were not around at the first crisis of fire and only discovered their perilous plight after the flames had climbed the stairs and threatened to cut them off. Policemen John Heilerman and John Conlin

off was held at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to take measures regarding the homeless families. A committee composed of John Conlin, Harry Snyder, Anthony Capelli, Albert Stucken and Joseph Venturini, was appointed to take the matter in charge. They decided to support the twenty-one families for the coming two months. The afternoon was spent in looking for temporary lodgings for them. Those who came to the City Hall were provided with grocery tickets and orders for provisions and clothing. The money in the city's poor fund will be used to defray the expense of supplying the 133 destitute persons.

The two buildings, Nos. 64 and 66, were owned by George Trainor, a laborer, and represented his life savings. His insurance on them amounted to \$700. He now owned the other three structures. His insurance was \$2,000.

### WEDDING AT GLEN RIDGE.

Union of Julio Girarden Gadsden and Miss Laura Place.

Glen Ridge, N. J., Feb. 25.—A brilliant wedding took place at the home of James F. Place, in Forest avenue, at 6:30

## TRIED TO STEAL A SAFE.

Burglars Had a Wagon in Waiting, but the  
Barking of a Dog, Say the Police,  
Frightened Them Away.

A gang of thieves, supposed to be the same which during the past week has been at work throughout Hudson County, late Monday night entered the coal office of George Hicks, on the Hackensack plank road, New Durham, and made an attempt to carry off the safe.

They had moved the safe, which was a small one, toward the office door, when the police think the barking of a dog frightened them away. The tracks of a horse and wagon were found close to the door. Samuel Greenleaf, a milkman, yesterday informed the police that he saw five men, two of whom were in a wagon, near the coal yard about 10 o'clock Monday night. These men are supposed to have broken into the office.

Among other places robbed recently at New Durham was the coal yard of Emil

## CAUGHT OVER A COCKTAIL.

Wesley Wingate, Charged with  
Swindling Newark Folk,  
Behind Prison Bars.

Police Say He Operated with False  
Checks, and Coal Dealers  
Were His Latest Victims.

### REPORT THAT HE HAS CONFESSED.

The Prisoner is Youthful and the Son of a  
Prominent Resident of Woodside.  
He Protested Against  
His Arrest.

Newark, Feb. 25.—The Headquarters police believe that they have succeeded in placing behind bars, where he is likely to be kept for many years to come, a modern Jim the Penman. The prisoner is Wesley Wingate, son of a prominent resident of Woodside. He is just out of his teens, but has shown ability to forge signatures of business men, according to the story of the police. He has caused the detective department much uneasiness during the past few months, the sleuths say, but now they are resting easy, so far as he is concerned. Wingate is at present in the County Jail, where he was committed today by Judge Mott in the First Criminal Court, in default of \$3,000 bail. Police say he confessed. Five charges of forgery and uttering bogus checks are entered against him, and there are two additional charges of attempting to pass bogus checks.

The attention of the police was first called to Wingate shortly after the holidays, when, as alleged, he passed a worthless check on John Wegle, a downtown grocer. The check was for \$30, made payable to William Munn, and bore the forged signature of Frank W. Munn, who keeps a large livery stable on Chestnut street. Wingate purchased \$4 worth of groceries, to be sent to a false address in Commerce street, and received from Wegle \$30 in change. Since then several other local merchants notified the police that they had been victimized by a similar ruse, and all gave an accurate description of the swindler, but the police were unable to find him.

Finding that he was doing a profitable business, and evidently having no fear of being apprehended, Wingate yesterday became bolder and passed a check on the wholesale. Before night five merchants had notified the police that they had been cheated, and two others said the game had been tried on them.

The entire detective force was called into service, and with an accurate description of the swindler they started out early to run him down. They had almost given up in despair when Detective John Tyler, who boards at the Palace Hotel, opposite the Market street depot, saw a young man, a railroad, dropped into the hotel cafe. The detective stood with his back to a heater when he noticed a young man standing at the bar with a cocktail in front of him. He answered the description of the man he was looking for, with the exception that his clothes were different, and he was beardless, whereas the object of his search was said to have a very small mustache. Tyler eyed the young man closely, and, becoming convinced that this was the forger, questioned him. The latter at once became indignant, and threatened all sorts of things to the detective for daring to insinuate that he was not all right.

Tyler informed the young man that he would have to accompany him to Police Headquarters. He very reluctantly consented, and when they arrived there, again denounced his arrest as an outrage, for which some one would be made to suffer. When he was taken to the police station, the doorman was searching him, and presently brought forth a small white slip of paper, which he handed to Tyler, given by Samuel Trimmer, a coal dealer, to "William Hunt," in recognition of the payment of \$30 for a ton of coal.

This little slip of paper settled all doubt in the minds of the police as to the prisoner, and the forger being the same person. Mr. Trimmer was one of the people who complained to the police yesterday. He accepted a check for \$3 from a young man in payment for a ton of coal, and gave him \$5.50 in change. He discovered that he had been victimized when one of his two men came in and said that the address to which he had been sent, the coal was a vacant lot. The discovery of the receipt caused Wingate to weaken, and he then confessed that he was the man they had been looking for.

The other complaints against Wingate yesterday were from C. A. Nevel, No. 33 Frelinghuysen avenue; A. W. Beck, of No. 47 Wickliffe street; Henry Brothers, of No. 25 West King street; and John Trimmer, of No. 301 New Jersey Railroad avenue, and John Glattig, of No. 21 Wickliffe street. They are all men who had, with the exception of the last named, been cheated out of the same amount as Trimmer. They escaped by refusing Wingate's check. All the checks passed by the youthful swindler yesterday were made payable to "William Hunt" and had the signature of B. W. Hunt, a prominent confectioner, forged to them.

Wingate was fully identified to-day by his acquaintance, the doorman, who shaved off his little mustache and changed his clothing. Judge Mott committed him to jail in default of \$300 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

### CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Her Clothing Caught Fire While She Was  
Carrying a Candle.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 25.—Ethel C. Tucker, the four-year-old daughter of William Tucker, of Newark, was fatally burned at the house of Henry Grimshaw, at No. 288 North Eighth street, last evening, when she was visiting with her mother.

With some children companions she went into the attic to get some playthings, and while there lighted a candle. Her clothing caught fire from it, and she was fatally burned. She was taken to the hospital, but her screams could reach her mother, and she died.

Little Ethel also inhaled the fire, and survived the accident only a few hours.

### WHEELS FOR THE BLUECOATS.

Marshal McChesney of Orange Says That  
City Should Supply Them.

Orange, N. J., Feb. 25.—This city may soon have policemen mounted on bicycles. Marshal McChesney, of the Police Department, said today that the scheme is practical, one, and should be in force as the beats of the roundsmen are so long that it is almost impossible to cover them. On a wheel the roundsmen would stand a much better chance of catching policemen who are alleged to be loafing.

The Marshal will advance the idea to the Police Committee, who, it is believed, will favor it.

### August Meis Will Contest.

Chancellor McGill, in Chambers, Jersey City, yesterday heard testimony in an orphan's Court in admitting to probate the will of August Meis. His daughters, Eliza Kogler and Julia Helix, are contesting the will. It is said she has secured evidence against several alleged keepers in these localities.

She recently secured evidence upon which twelve West Hoboken saloon keepers were arrested. Mrs. Lampler was formerly employed in Secret Service work.

### Non Vult or Boycott.

Elizabeth, Feb. 25.—The trial of George L. Hirtzel for selling liquor on Sunday will be resumed to-morrow morning before Judge McCormick. The 35 witnesses summoned by the Christian Witness Union to testify that they had bought liquor, are now in the hands of the police. The saloons of the alleged illicit saloon keepers on Sunday were held a meeting, which was largely attended. They threatened to boycott every saloon whose owner does not plead non vult.

## SLAIN BY HIS OWN CAR.

Newark Motorman Thrown from  
the Platform and Ground  
to Death.

Dragged Beneath the Car Some  
Distance Before the Conductor  
Noted His Absence.

### HIS BODY FRIGHTFULLY MANGLED.

Observing the Wild Gesticulations of Per-  
sons on the Sidewalk, the Conductor  
Finally Brought the Vehicle  
to a Standstill.

Newark, Feb. 25.—The fate of a motorman being crushed to death under his own car is what befell John J. Grant, of No. 375 South Tenth street, to-day.

Grant was in the employ of the South Orange Street Railway Company, and was making what is known as a swing trip when the accident occurred. His car had reached the corner of Munn and South Orange avenues, in Vailsburg, which is the terminal for swing cars. Conductor Charles Ride started to swing the trolley to send the car in the opposite direction, and Grant was leaning over the dashboard, lowering the fender, which had been chained up on the trip.

Through some mistake the power had not been shut off, and as soon as the trolley wheel touched the wire the car shot forward. Grant lost his balance and fell directly in front of the car. He was instantly crushed under the fender and forward part, and pushed along over the sharp-pointed stones between the tracks.

The conductor had not noticed the car was without a motorman until he heard the shouts of several persons on the sidewalk, who were making wild gestures and pointing to the car. A rider at once divined what they meant and quickly jerked the trolley down. This caused the car to come to a standstill. He then ran to the front platform and reversed the lever, while others lifted the heavy fender off the car. Grant was found half under it and half under the motor in which was wedged securely, but willing hands and stout shoulders soon raised the unfortunate motorman was lifted out.

He was still breathing and groaning faintly, but was unconscious. His head had been crushed into an almost shapeless mass, his arms were broken and he was mortally wounded internally. His clothing was torn to shreds.

The City Hospital ambulance was soon on the scene, and Grant was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, where he died a couple of hours later. He was forty-three years old, married and leaves a family.

### WOULDN'T STOP TALKING.

Judge Hudspeth, of Jersey City, Compelled  
to Order a Too Voluble Witness  
from the Stand.

Eliza Schneybel, an elderly woman of short stature, appeared yesterday in the Court of General Sessions, Jersey City, against Professor George Meyer, who conducts a water cure establishment in Summit avenue, West Hoboken. She was a patient, but on October 28 last, she alleged, Meyer ejected her, using unnecessary force. While giving her testimony Assistant Prosecutor Noonan endeavored to bring out the fact that Meyer did not cease talking.

"You must keep quiet, madam," Judge Hudspeth finally ordered. She talked on, looking at Meyer. Then she began again. Judge Hudspeth, after vainly trying to stop her, ordered her from the stand. As she left the court room she was still talking. Meyer was convicted.

### THIEVES' BOOTY FOUND.

Belleville Opposum Hunters Come Upon  
Stolen Silverware and Discover  
a Robbers' Cave.

Belleville, N. J., Feb. 25.—John Cronan and Joseph Flynn, both of this place, while opossum hunting in Crane's woods, near the Morris Canal, late yesterday afternoon, tracked their musk sought for game to a hollow oak tree. Upon rooting in a large quantity of the decayed parts they were taken greatly by surprise when, instead of an opossum, they brought to light a solid silver cake basket, some gold, several teaspoons and other smaller articles, all of which were wrapped up in a piece of brown paper and showed signs of having been long hidden.

The men took their treasure home and are awaiting to hear from the citizens who have been robbed.

The young hunters also came across a cave hollowed out of the rocks in the same woods, near the canal, and judging from the appearance of the place it was the rendezvous of thieves. In the cave were found cooking utensils and old clothes. The police are quite elated over the discovery and believe that there are other dens in the place, which they will hunt for.

### Track Elevation Contract Likely.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25.—Notwithstanding the attempt made to alter Leader Voorhees's determination to get a contract from the Erie Railroad, pledging track elevation in Jersey City, that gentleman declares a year stronger in his position now than before. Garret A. Hobart and others tried to persuade him that it was unpractical, but he was quite elated over the discovery and believe that there are other dens in the place, which they will hunt for.

### Thomas Conter Found Guilty.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 25.—The jury in the case of Thomas Conter, charged with carrying a knife on William Casey, of Plainfield, was out all night, and came in this morning with a verdict of guilty.

### LUNCHEON FOR MR. CARLISLE.

John Sloane Entertained the Secretary  
at the Merchants' Uptown Club.

Secretary Carlisle was entertained at luncheon by John Sloane, president of the Merchants' Uptown Club, at the clubrooms in the Constable building. The other gentlemen present were Hicks Arnold, Isaac Stern, C. B. Fowlke, P. B. Worrall, James McCreery, Francis B. Thurber, Conrad N. Jordan, Theodore Rogers, John W. Aitken, George McNeil and Henry T. Sloane.

The gathering was in no sense a political one, but there was some informal discussion of matters pertaining to the revenue and Appraisers' departments.

### POURING TROOPS INTO CUBA.

Spain Dispatching Two More Batches, Ag-  
gregating 15,000.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—It is announced that 6,000 fresh troops from Spain will reach Cuba by the end of the present month and 3,000 more will arrive there at the beginning of March.

The Harold publishes a dispatch from its correspondent in Havana denying the truth of the reports of the death of the rebel leader, Maximo. The dispatch also says that the rebel leader "El Inglesito," who has been captured by the Spanish, is claiming to be an American citizen in order to avoid being tried and condemned by court martial.

## Jersey Solons on Fish and Oysters.

Trenton, Feb. 25.—Fish and oysters occupied the attention of both houses this morning. The first named subject was discussed in the Senate at a hearing before the Game and Fisheries Committee. The opponents of the Senate bill, by which it is proposed to regulate pound-fishing, were out in force, and several strong speeches were made by men, who all their lives have resided on the shore and engaged in fishing.

Edward Wilson, a brilliant young lawyer, of Red Bank, made a impassioned appeal to the committee and the Senators to defeat this bill, arguing that its passage meant ruin to thousands of men whose only means of livelihood was this method of fishing. Some of the arguments of the fishermen, most of whom were old men, were extremely quaint and original, and, without a doubt, made a lasting impression on the members of the committee. This was particularly the case with Robert Peter, of Long Branch, who based his appeal upon a patriotic ground. He had raised a company of soldiers in 1860, leaving his livelihood behind him, and little thought that thirty years later he would be compelled to come to the Legislature to beg for an existence.

A proposition to place the oyster industry in the hands of a State commission appointed by the Governor, has occupied the attention of the House Committee on Game and Fisheries for the past three weeks. As yet no bill has been introduced. The committee is looking after a private protective association, which, it is claimed, is practically useless. Several hearings were held, and the upshot was the presentation of an adverse report, which, after considerable debate, was adopted. It has stirred up a great deal of bad blood between the factions supporting and opposing the bill, not only among outsiders, but also in the Assembly.

Passage pollution has been a burning question for a long time. Governor Briggs made particular mention of it in his inaugural, and recommended that the Legislature act upon the matter as expeditiously as possible. Consequently an act was introduced several weeks ago looking to this object, in which it was provided that a commission of three be appointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly investigate the subject and devise some permanent means of relief. A few opponents of the bill wished this work to be done by the State Board of Health, and for a while delayed the progress of the bill, which was finally passed to-day. The Governor will sign the bill, being in thorough sympathy with the movement, and probably appoint the commission this week.

Now that the Three-Cent Car Fare bill has been recommended to the Railroads Committee, which reported adversely on it last night, there is little likelihood of it being given another opportunity of coming before the House of Assembly. One of this committee is authority for the statement that it will be again reported adversely, and that at a very early day. He says that the committee is willing to act favorably on a bill relating to cheap car fares provided it is drawn in a way that will accord justice to the street car companies as well as the public. Bullock's bill, in the opinion of the committee, has no elements of justice or equity in it, setting up three rates of fare at different hours of the day, which would lead to interminable confusion. In addition to this reduction in fare the companies are asked to establish an unlimited transfer system, to which these corporations most strenuously object. It would, they say, bankrupt them.

At all the cities in the State the trolley companies have established a comprehensive system of transfers on the five-cent fare basis, but it would be ruinous, according to the companies' story, should the fares be reduced to a lower figure. Bullock lost his opportunity by not forcing the measure last night after the adverse report was not concurred in by the House. He was afflicted with a bad case of "stage fright," and as a consequence, his act was again given over to the tender mercies of the committee that has no love for it.

Senator Daly's constitutional judiciary amendment, one section of which provides for the abolishment of the Chancery Court, is not likely to receive much consideration, because it is looked upon as too radical in its requirements. Samuel Grey, one of the most noted constitutional lawyers in the State, was credited with having drafted another plan for improving the personnel of the higher judiciary, but to-day he denied that report and said he thought the latest ideas, as embodied in the Voorhees amendments, would prove satisfactory to the majority of the legal fraternity and the public.

Congressman H. C. Loudenslager has long considered that Senator E. C. Stokes, of Cumberland, might prove a stumbling block in the carrying out of his ambition to succeed him in the national legislature.

It is no wonder, therefore, that the Congressman and his friends were highly elated at the report that Stokes was selected as Superintendent of Public Instruction and correspondingly downcast when the Cumberland man denied having any ambition to step into Mr. Loudenslager's shoes. Loudenslager worked hard to get a defeat Stokes for reelection to the State Senate, and was greatly chagrined when his scheme failed.

Assemblyman Cagney, of Hudson, caused a ripple of excitement this morning when he asked that his resignation as President of Cleveland for his position in the Vermont matter should be withdrawn from the Committee on Federal Relations in whose care it has slumbered for many weeks. He made a patriotic speech and was decided by Scovel, of Camden, who characterized his utterances as Democratic humbug. Being on the side of the "hopeless minority," Mr. Cagney's resignation was made.

To-morrow a large batch of nominations now in the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will be confirmed, and a corresponding number of patriots will be made happy. Among these is Judge John L. Lutz, of Newark, who has been selected as a member of the State Board of Taxation.

Senator Williams' bill for regulating bakeries and confectionery factories in the matter of working hours, sanitary condition and the settlement of disputes arising between employer and employees in such establishments has been given the most thoroughgoing in a hearing and will doubtless pass after being slightly amended.

One Consolation.  
(Detroit Free Press.)

The new comet, we are assured, is making straight for the earth at the rate of 1,600,000 miles a day, and is only 40,000,000 miles distant. We are at the same time the assurance of the star-ships that about March 1st at which time it will be about 20,000,000 miles away—will be visible to the naked eye, and will appear from the earth, so that neither will be harmed. It is all right, and if we are struck and knocked into smithereens we shall have the consolation that we have been the recipients of a great favor, and we have escaped the Republican conventions.

## FOUND \$70,000 IN AN OLD BLACK TRUNK.

Watson Prentiss, a New Jersey  
Miser, Caused a Post  
Mortem Surprise.

A Rich Hoard for Relatives and Law-  
yers to Fight About, Since a  
Will Was Found.

### HIS HOUSEKEEPER HAD HOPES.

She Took Care of Him for Thirteen  
Years Without Receiving a Cent,  
but Now She Will Hand  
in Her Bill.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 25.—When old Watson Prentiss, the sage of the little village of South River, a thriving borough of Middlesex County, died on February 15, folks who knew the aged man was a miser were full of anticipation over the amount which would fall to Mrs. Dunham, the kind and patient widow, who had cared for Prentiss for thirteen years without a cent of pay, and with little thanks from the old man himself.

Mrs. Dunham did not have the heart to turn the old man away, for he was well past three-score and ten, and there was no one in the world that he could turn to for aid. For Prentiss always said he had no relatives except a brother, and what was more, he did not care for them.

"Oh, you will be a fine, rich woman some day," old Prentiss often remarked to Mrs. Dunham when she seemed rather down in spirits. "I suppose I can't stay here any longer," the old man would add, with a reluctance that told how he feared death, "and I shall leave my money to you."

It was not a great surprise to the village when Prentiss died on February 15, for he had been feeble and almost helpless for the last three or four years, and required much care. The funeral took place on February 25, and on Friday last it turned out that he had died a will with a lawyer in New York.

The will was made in New York, and named executors who are now deceased. By the will the brother in New York and two second nieces are made heirs. After the will was found a search was made of the remains in South River in order to ascertain what the man's possessions were. In his room was an old black English trunk. It had often been noticed that Mr. Prentiss had taken a particular interest in this trunk, but never looked into it when any one was around.

The trunk was searched, and the searchers found thirty \$1,000 United States Government bonds, having unpaid coupons for fifteen to seventeen years, in addition to papers for \$10,000 worth of property in Connecticut, a sum of money, valuable jewelry.

An inventory was taken of all the possessions, which amounted to about \$70,000. A few days ago Thomas Prentiss, the New York brother, and lawyer Lindsay, of Rahway, called on the Surrogate's office and wished to have the Surrogate take an inventory of the estate of the deceased. As no inventory had been given to the Surrogate, this was not done. The brother and the lawyer then went to South River, and, taking the goods from the trunk, deposited them in a safe deposit vault in this city.

Thomas Prentiss died a great to-day against the probate of the will and the jurisdiction of adjusting the estate now lies with the Orphan's Court. The executor's claims that undue influence was brought to bear upon Watson in favor of the nieces, Mrs. Dunham and her friends were keenly disappointed to learn that there was a will.

Mrs. Dunham will invoke the aid of the law to establish her claim on the property. She shows no blood relationship to the man who put in a claim for some thirteen years ago. It is said in South River that Prentiss had a wife, but she died, and the will was made in New York, and only his feeble condition prevented him making another in favor of Mrs. Dunham.

### THE STUDIO GIRL.

An Interesting Letter From a  
Young Ladies' College.

Race Between the Sexes for Education.  
Health Impaired by Incessant Study.

The race between the sexes for education is to-day very close.

Ambitious girls work incessantly over their studies, and are often brought to a halt, through having sacrificed the physical to the mental.

Then begin those ailments that must be removed at once, or they will produce constant suffering. Headache, dizziness, faintness, slight vertigo, pains in the back and loins, irregularity, loss of sleep and appetite, nervousness and blues, with lack of confidence; these are positive signs that women's arch enemy is at hand.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Pinkham in May, one month after the young lady had first written, giving symptoms, and asking advice. She was ill and in great distress of mind, feeling she would not hold out till graduation, and the doctor had advised her to go home.

College, Mass.

You dear Woman—  
I should have written to you before, but you said wait a month. We are taught that the days of miracles are past. Pray what is my case? I have taken the Vegetable Compound faithfully, and obeyed you implicitly, and am free from all my ills. I was a very, very sick girl. Am keeping well up in my class, and hope to do you and myself credit at graduation. My gratitude cannot find expression in words. Yours sincerely friend, Mary.

P. S. Some of the other girls are now using the Compound. It benefits them all.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the only safe, sure and effectual remedy in such cases, as it removes the cause, purifies and invigorates the system, and gives energy and vitality.



Scene at the Homes Wrecked by Fire.

More than a hundred persons were driven from their homes by a disastrous fire in Hoboken early yesterday morning, and having no means for shelter or support, the city authorities are taking care of them. Policemen and firemen did gallant work in rescuing the imperiled occupants.

ran up the smoke-filled passageway and managed to get out with the couple, who were half suffocated.

### RISKED HIS LIFE FOR A BIRD.

After the old man had been safely deposited on the sidewalk, he suddenly thought him of a canary bird he had in a cage by his window. He immediately announced his intention of saving the canary at all hazards, and started up after it. The crowd shouted at him to come back, but he didn't pay any attention and went on up and got down safely with the bird.

People were pouring down the stairways of the five houses in their night clothes, and the women were screaming with terror. There were fifty-three children among the families who ran about among the firemen hunting for their parents and creating tremendous confusion.

Policeman Terence Foley distinguished himself by rescuing an old man living on the second floor of No. 58. As he came out of the entrance with her a hose from one of the chemical engines slipped in the hands of the fireman, and drenched the policeman with the fluid, almost knocking him off his feet.

The wife and child of Detective Penton, in No. 66, were coming out of the place when a shutter fell from an upper window, striking Mrs. Penton a glancing blow on the head. She was stunned by it, but not seriously injured.

Ex-Policeman Sullivan, who was dropped from the force a week ago for being tipsy on his post, made a record for himself by his bravery and activity in the work of getting out the frightened occupants.

### PITIFUL SCENES.

An hour and a half after the sounding of the first alarm the block had been gutted and it was only through the most strenuous exertions of the firemen that the flames were kept from the other houses adjoining.

The twenty-one families who were rendered homeless by the catastrophe moved about among the bystanders pitifully bewailing their condition and asking shelter for the night. Many of them were taken to the houses of the neighbors and provided for as well as possible. Others were lodged in the Police Headquarters. Councilman Snyder made room for three of the families in his own home. It was an hour between the time of the turning in of the first alarm and the ringing of the second. This fact was severely criticized by the citizens yesterday and caused Mayor Fagan to say:

"The department did very poor work in this case and proved conclusively that it needs reorganizing. I shall make it my business to see that this is done and that henceforth we may be in a better condition to cope with a similar conflagration. If we have the bad luck to experience another, a special meeting of the Common Council

o'clock, to-night, when his daughter, Miss Laura Place, and Julio Girarden Gadsden, also of Glen Ridge, were married by the Rev. A. H. Bradford, of Montclair.

The bride was attired in white satin, tulle veil caught with an ivory comb and carried lilies of the valley. Miss Louise and Miss Elizabeth De Gress were the bridesmaids, and wore white china silk and tulle. Miss Eva De Gress was the maid of honor, and wore pink china silk, with pink carnations